



IFSO I.H. SCHOLARSHIPS GUIDELINES 2020

One of the main activities of IFSO is the organization of the annual IFSO World Congress, which provides a forum to exchange knowledge on surgical treatment of patients with severe obesity, to present new techniques, research and concepts, and to meet the experts in the field.

Due to the spread of COVID-19, this year the IFSO World Congress will be held ONLINE for the first time ever.

Nevertheless IFSO wants to support also this year young and talented I.H. members by offering **10 Integrated Health Scholarships** for clinical and research work to members from countries whose Bariatric Surgery Societies are members of IFSO and who show strong interests, accomplishments and career development in bariatric surgery and/or other obesity related specialties. The panel will aim to award an applicant from each of the IFSO chapters, however this is not mandatory. The IFSO IH Committee may, at its discretion, award scholarship grants to more than one member per region or chapter. The IH Committee will review all submissions based on the outlined criteria and shall have final approval authority over the award recipients.

Each Scholarship this year will offer a stipend of: **\$US 500** + free registration in the IFSO Web Congress.

The applications must be sent in writing to IFSO Secretariat (info@ifso.com) **by August 30th 2020.**

Regulations:

- Applicants must be current IFSO IH members in good standing, graduates of schools of medicine and/or other associated disciplines. This regulation fully represents IH members in their own specialty. Any **non-IH** member will be excluded from eligibility irrespective of their topic of presentation or their area of research study
- Applicants must be in a bariatric surgery related specialties practice or training

Applications received by the deadline will be graded according to an objective system by the "Scholarship Committee", which will award the 5 Scholarships.

The Secretariat will inform all applicants of the result in a timely way by email and will request their bank details for the bank transfer.

Requirements for Application

Applicants should apply in writing to IFSO secretariat. All applications must be supported by the following documents:

1. Application form
2. A structured one page CV providing:
 - Name
 - date of birth
 - demographic data & personal details

- qualifications
- training
- employment history
- current post Evidence of their current IH membership

No photos or title pages should be included.

3. A one page (only) list of publications

This should separate:

- Bariatric related publications
- Other publications

Where one page is insufficient, the applicant should provide the total number of publications over their career as well as the publications in the last 5 years and 5 most significant publications.

4. A one page (maximum) statement by the Applicant covering:

- Overall future career aim in bariatric surgery
- What is the next step in career development
- Why the scholarship will help the Applicant in this
- How the scholarship will help contribute to the development of bariatric surgery in the Applicant's home country / institute